

# Personal Safety Committee

## April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

### Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Gerald Schoenle, Jane Fischer, Fred Wood, Sherri Darrow, Elizabeth Lidano, Renee Greene, Ken Hood, David Foti, Jim Guy, Tracey Eastman, Toby Shapiro, Marilyn Kramer, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The South Campus lighting project should begin in May. With this project 69 new security cameras will be installed, right now they will be historical. There will be an interior assessment of the buildings and security conducted soon.
- II. **Blue Light Phones**– The area around Crofts Hall was in need of more Blue Light phones, one will be set up soon. Cellular based phones have been removed throughout the campus. As of now there are no blue light phones on the Downtown campus, Chief Schoenle is in the process of consolidating security needed there.
- III. **Violence Prevention Team** – A grant was submitted to the Department of Justice, violence against women, and they should be hearing back soon. The team is working on a contract with Crisis Services to be on call if there is ever a UB student needing their services. The contract will also include money for investigation of the crisis, a Sexual Assault Edu program and an on campus coordinator to educate students. The Wellness Department and UPD are working together with various alcohol and violence prevention programs. The Alcohol Edu statistics show that students are getting their alcohol from 2 places: off campus residences and fraternity/sorority parties, not in the bars or residence halls. The Men’s Group is becoming more visible around campus; they did a great performance at Relay for Life.
- IV. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – The Men’s Group was at Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, over 100 people attended and 45 of them were men. A check was presented to the ARTF and some of it will go towards a new van. Meetings will start at the end of the summer for Take Back the Night in October. Last day of service for both walk stations and the van is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Drivers for the vans are needed for next year. The ARTF is targeting fraternities and sororities to view the presentation they show for community service students, and maybe get the Men’s Group involved. Currently there is no number to call for van service.
- V. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – Summer construction on South Campus is to begin soon; emergency routes to be set up. Federal campus right to know regarding fire issues is being implemented which means more set standards for how things are prepared and documented. The Emergency Planning Manager for UB helped organize and put together comprehensive building evacuation plans. There is more effort being put into maintained eye washes and showers around the campuses. Jim Guy, with other departments, is putting together an Off Campus Renters Checklist addressing the problems many students face when moving off campus with houses. There is also a task force being put together with many other area colleges. This task force will tackle political issues like strengthening zoning and occupancy laws, to provide education for students and parents, help students already living off campus about independent living skills, and for the task force to become a political force to make all these things happen. The Dorm Burn will be included in this years RA training in August and at the Safety Fair in September.
- VI. **University Heights** – There are still some issues with residence wanting UPD to be called to problems around the Heights. Buffalo PD will respond to all occurrences in the Heights area unless they are busy and they will call UPD. UPD will patrol the outside borders of the South Campus where they do have jurisdiction to make violation arrests. Robberies occurred two nights ago involving 3-4 youth that were caught. A few weeks ago there was a student on student assault which is not linked to the recent Heights robberies. More mental health cases have been reported since the Virginia Tech shootings.
- VII. **Other Business** –
  - There are 5 people in the Police Academy that should graduate in June; more will be hired off the new list in August.

- A citizen police academy will be implemented. It will be 6-7 weeks with classes 2-3hrs a night.
- “Shots Fired” is a 20min video about active shooters. Chief Schoenle is working on a lesson plan and this fall an hour presentation of the video for faculty and staff will be available.
- **Libraries** – Two people who were banned from the libraries a few months ago were arrested.

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in 250 Student Union.**